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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE-RESOLUTION ON WORLD FOOD
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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION VII AS AGREED TO IN
COMMITTEE II DRAFTING COMMITTEE IN WHICH USDEL PARTICIPATED.
TEXT WILL BE REFERRED TO FULL COMMITTEE THIS AFTERNOON FOR
APPROVAL.

BEGIN TEXT. DRAFT RESOLUTION VII (REVISED)

INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY
THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE,

STRESSING THE URGENT NEED FOR ENSURING THE AVAILA-
BILITY AT ALL TIMES OF ADEQUATE WORLD SUPPLIES OF BASIC
FOODSTUFFS PARTICULARLY SO AS TO AVOID ACUTE FOOD SHORTAGES
IN THE EVENT OF WIDESPREAD CROP FAILURE, NATURAL OR OTHER
DISASTERS, TO SUSTAIN A STEADY EXPANSION OF FOOD CONSUMP-
TION IN COUNTRIES WITH LOW LEVELS OF PER CAPUT INTAKE, AND
OFFSET FLUCTUATIONS IN PRODUCTION AND PRICES,

RECOGNIZING THAT VERY LOW LEVELS OF WORLD FOOD
STOCKS, PRIMARILY CEREALS, POSE A SERIOUS THREAT TO
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CONSUMPTION LEVELS AND MAKE THE WORLD TOO DEPENDENT ON THE

VAGARIES OF WEATHER,

WELCOMING THE PROGRESS ALREADY MADE THROUGH FAO TOWARDS DEVELOPING A COMMON APPROACH FOR ATTAINING THE OBJECTIVES OF WORLD FOOD SECURITY, AND NOTING THAT ALL MAJOR FOOD PRODUCING AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES SUPPORT THESE OBJECTIVES.

REAFFIRMING THE COMMON RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN EVOLVING POLICIES AND ARRANGEMENTS DESIGNED TO ENSURE WORLD FOOD SECURITY, AND IN PARTICULAR IN MAINTAINING ADEQUATE NATIONAL OR REGIONAL STOCKS AS ENVISAGED IN THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING ON FOOD SECURITY,

RECOGNIZING THAT UNIVERSAL PARTICIPATION OF ALL PRODUCING AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE GLOBAL OBJECTIVES OF WORLD FOOD SECURITY, AND STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF ADHERENCE TO THE OBJECTIVES, POLICIES AND GUIDELINES OF THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING BY ALL GOVERNMENTS, TAKING ACCOUNT OF ITS VOLUNTARY NATURE AND THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF NATIONS,

RECOGNIZING THE DIFFICULTIES CURRENTLY FACED ESPECIALLY BY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN BUILDING UP STOCKS THROUGH LACK OF ADEQUATE DOMESTIC SUPPLIES IN EXCESS OF CURRENT CONSUMPTION NEEDS, THE PRESENT HIGH PRICES OF FOOD GRAINS IN WORLD MARKETS AND THE CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY SERIOUS BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DIFFICULTIES, WHICH REQUIRE AN IMMEDIATE INCREASE IN THE FOOD PRODUCTION OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHILE THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE SIMULTANEOUSLY ASSISTED TO INCREASE THEIR FOOD PRODUCTION AND BUILD UP THEIR OWN STOCKS,

1. ENDORSES THE OBJECTIVES, POLICIES AND GUIDELINES AS SET OUT IN THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY, INVITES ALL GOVERNMENTS TO EXPRESS THEIR READINESS TO ADOPT THEM AND URGES ALL GOVERNMENTS TO COOPERATE IN BRINGING INTO OPERATION THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE;

2. CALLS FOR THE EARLY COMPLETION (BY THE APPROPRIATE INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES) OF THE OPERATIONAL AND OTHER PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING, INCLUDING THE EXAMINATION OF PRACTICAL ECONOMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROBLEMS INVOLVED;

3. INVITES GOVERNMENTS OF ALL MAJOR FOOD, PRIMARILY CEREALS, PRODUCING, CONSUMING AND TRADING COUNTRIES TO ENTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE INTO DISCUSSION IN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL FORA, WITH A VIEW TO ACCELERATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY, AND ALSO WITH A VIEW TO STUDYING THE FEASIBILITY OF GRAIN RESERVE

TO BE LOCATED AT STRATEGIC POINTS;

4. URGES GOVERNMENTS AND THE CONCERNED INTERNATIONAL
AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY TECHNICAL,
FINANCIAL AND FOOD ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF GRANTS OR ON
SPECIALLY FAVOURABLE TERMS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT APPROPRIATE
NATIONAL FOOD STOCK POLICIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
INCLUDING THE EXTENSION OF STORAGE AND TRANSPORT FACILITIES,
WITHIN THE PRIORITIES OF THEIR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMME, SO THAT THEY ARE IN A POSITION TO PARTICIPATE
EFFECTIVELY IN A WORLD FOOD SECURITY POLICY. END TEXT.
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